



with the ell, gave the Winslow family only 6 rooms and perhaps a pantry. For all that, it was as fine a house as most going up at that time.

There have been many owners since John Winslow, each making additions and changes -- all sorts of wings, ells, sheds, porches, and odd rooms -- additions and alterations to accommodate the large families and their guests who occupied it seasonally for many years. While these changes have been considerable and followed no architectural plan, they have so well blended into the original design that the old house still presents a dignified appearance to Washington St., which was a new road when the lot was bought. The house John Winslow built in 1805 is now the home of Robert and Doris Myers.

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Early in 1805 John Winslow paid \$60 for 60 rods of land on the "new road leading from Captain's Nook to powder point," and since the lot was nearer Hall's Corner than the point, Captain's Nook got the capitals and the point was so far away it did not rate them.

The lot was less than a half acre off the large Partridge farm, owned then by the Hon. George Partridge, statesman of Revolutionary days. Close by the lane to the Partridge house John Winslow built his new house, a so called shipbuilder house. Exactly 10 years later, when he sold it, house and lot, the price was \$1550, indicating a very good house.

There are 2 distinct types of construction in this house, raising the probability that the ell is an earlier building, moved to the lot and attached to the new front as the kitchen. It was not unusual to add an older building on to a house but in most cases the older building was moved on at a later date and attached to a house that became too small for the family. It became the kitchen and the old kitchen could become a dining room.

It is not so with this house for the front part that John Winslow built new in 1805 never had a kitchen. It never had a central chimney and there is no room that could have been a kitchen, so we must conclude that the old building was moved on as a part of the original house construction, and while it seems at first to be a very unusual arrangement, there are several other houses in Duxbury with the same kitchenless front and an old ell a part of the new house.

The 2-story front part has a large room either side of a hall and stairway, with fireplaces at the outside walls, on the ends, a then modern change from the early central chimney. The higher ceilings, refined details, cornices with picture knobs, recessed windows that may have had shutters in the beginning, are all more elegant features than are found in the ell. The wide expanse of the front gives the impression of a much larger house but it is only one room deep, which